

MINUTES OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY (STORY ROOM)
Wednesday April 29, 2026 (DRAFT)

PRESENT: Mark Kissinger
Laura DiBetta
Gail Sacco
Caroline Brancatella

Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, director

M. Kissinger called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

DISCUSSION OF THE LONG-RANGE PLAN

The committee discussed the process for developing a long-range plan and decided they would prefer it as one documents with the building and services plans included in the same overarching goals. They decided they would work toward a document that was more strategic and less task oriented. They discussed having a separate yearly document of library actions as an appendix.

The committee discussed the library as a “third space” and a place for lifelong learning. They talked about promoting inclusivity in a broader sense, as well as an increasing community need for social services.

ADJOURNMENT

The committee meeting adjourned at 7:07pm. No actions were taken.

Prepared by
Kristen Roberts, recording secretary

Cosigned by
C. Brancatella, board president